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(C) THE HAGUE 6630; (D) EC BRUSSELS 2070;

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1. SUMMARY: IN ADDITION TO THE WESTERN SUMMIT, THE CALLAGHAN TRIP TO WASHINGTON, THE UNCTAD COMMON FUND, CIEC, THE MULTI-FIBER AGREEMENT, CSCE, AND FISHERY ISSUES (ALL REPORTED SEPTEL), THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING DURING THEIR MARCH 8 COUNCIL SESSION; (A) THE EC /SPANISH TRADE AGREEMENT; (B) RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL (C) RELATIONS WITH YUGOSLAVIA; LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(D) RELATIONS WITH CYPRUS; (E) TRADE RELATIONS WITH JAPAN; (F) A DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS; (G) EC/LEBANON AGREEMENTS; (H) THE THIRD EC/TURKEY FINANCIAL PROTOCOL; AND (I) THE AGENDA FOR THE MARCH 25-26 EUROPEAN COUNCIL. END SUMMARY.

2. EC/SPANISH TRADE AGREEMENT

ACCORDING TO A UK PERMDEL SOURCE (GORE-BOOTH) THE INCLUSIVE COUNCIL DEBATE OVER ADPTATION OF THE 1970 EC/SPANISH TRADE AGREEMENT TO THE ENLARGED COMMUNITY FOLLOWED PREDICTABLE LINES. THE SIX (FRANCE FRG, NETHERLANDS, LUXEMBOURG, BELGIUM, AND ITAL6) CONTINUED TO FAVOR A SIMPLE TECHNICAL ADAPTATION (I.E. APPLICATION OF THE EXISTING AGREEMENT TO THE COMMUNITY OF NINE WITHOUT CHANGE). DENMARK AND THE UK (AND, LESS SO, IRELAND) CONTINUED TO INSIST UPON AN ECONOMIC ADAPTATION (I.E., MODIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENT TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THEIR HISTORICAL TRADING PATTERNS WITH SPAIN). GORE-BOOTH SAID THAT THE UK AND DENMARK REMAIN OPPOSED TO A COMPROMISE TWO-TIER ADAPTATION PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION (TECHNICAL ADAPTATION ON JUNE 30, WITH ECONOMIC ADAPTATION OVER THE FOLLOWING SIX MONTHS.)

3. THE MINISTERS AUTHORIZED THE COMMISSION TO CONDUCT FURTHER TALKS WITH THE SPANISH AND INSTRUCTED COREPER TO EXAMINE THE MATTER FURTHER, PREPARATORY TO RENEWED COUNCIL CONSIDERATION ON APRIL 5.

4. EC/PORTUGAL RELATIONS

IN RESTRICTED SESSION, FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD REPORTED TO THE COUNCIL ON SOARES' VISIT TO PARIS. IN THE EXPECTATION THAT SOARES WILL PRESENT PORTUGAL'S APPLICATION FOR EC ACCESSION LATER THIS MONTH, THE COUNCIL INSTRUCTED COREPER TO PREPARE FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AT ITS APRIL 5 MEETING A POSSIBLE RESPONSE TO PORTUGAL'S FORMAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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5. EC/YUGOSLAV RELATIONS

ACCORDING TO PERMDEL AND COUNCIL SOURCES, THE MINISTERS SIMPLY TOOK NOTE OF THE UPCOMING MARCH 29 MEETING OF THE EC-YUGOSLAVIA JOINT COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL DISCUSS ENHANCEMENT OF EC-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS PURSUANT TO THE BELGRADE DECLARATION OF LAST DECEMBER 2 (REFTEL B), AND REAFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF FURTHER DEVELOPING EC-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS. THE MINISTERS ARE TO TAKE UP THIS DOSSIER AGAIN ON APRIL 5.

6. EC/CYPRUS RELATIONS

ACCORDING TO A UK PERMDEL SOURCE, THE MINISTERS ENGAGED IN ONLY A CURSORY DISCUSSION OF THE SECOND STAGE OF THE EC/CYPRUS ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT, BUT INSTRUCTED COREPER TO COMPLETE A NEGOTIATING MANDATE FOR THE COUNCIL TO

EXAMINE ON APRIL 5. UK FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN (THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT) TOLD REPORTERS AFTER THE MEETING THAT THE EC VIEWS SUCCESSFUL AGREEMENT ON THIS SECOND STAGE AS OF MUTUAL BENEFIT TO BOTH GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS IN TERMS OF HELPING TOWARDS FULL RECOVERY OF THE CYPRIOT ECONOMY AS A WHOLE.

7. RELATIONS WITH JAPAN

ACCORDING TO PERMDEL SOURCES, THE MINISTERS ASKED THAT THE COMMISSION PREPARE FOR THE MARCH 25-26 ROME EUROPEAN COUNCIL A REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS ON EC/JAPANESE TRADE RELATIONS SINCE THE NOVEMBER 29-30 EUROPEAN COUNCIL IN THE HAGUE, WHEN THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT ISSUED THEIR STATEMENT ON JAPAN (REFTEL C). THE COMMISSION IS ALSO TO RECOMMEND WHETHER OR NOT A NEW STATEMENT SHOULD BE ISSUED FOLLOWING THE ROME SUMMIT.
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8. DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

THE COUNCIL APPROVED WITHOUT CHANGE THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED JOINT STATEMENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS ALREADY APPROVED BY THE EC COMMISSION AND THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (REFTEL D). ACCORDING TO COUNCIL SOURCES, THE QUESTION OF WHEN AND WHERE THE SIGNING CEREMONY IS TO TAKE PLACE IS STILL UNRESOLVED BUT SHOULD BE SETTLED WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK.

9. AGREEMENTS WITH LEBANON

THE COUNCIL AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE OF THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND OF THE ECSC AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED WITH LEBANON (SEE REF E). NO ACTUAL SIGNING DATE HAS YET BEEN SET. THE COUNCIL ALSO AUTHORIZED THE COMMISSION TO NEGOTIATE AN INTERIM TRADE AGREEMENT WITH LEBANON.

10. EC/TURKEY FINANCIAL PROTOCOL

THE COUNCIL APPROVED, AS A A-POINT, THE THIRD EC/TURKEY FINANCIAL PROTOCOL (REFTELS F AND G).

11. EUROPEAN COUNCIL AGENDA

THE MINISTERS REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE AGENDA FOR THE MARCH 25-26 EUROPEAN COUNCIL IN ROME. ACCORDING TO PERMDEL SOURCES, THE AGENDA BREAKS DOWN INTO THREE CATEGORIES: (A) A GENERAL EXCHANGE ON INTERNAL EC PROBLEMS (THE FUNCTIONING OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL ITSELF IS TO BE DISCUSSED); (B) A GENERAL EXCHANGE

OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS ISSUES (A REPORT FROM CALLAGHAN
ON HIS WASHINGTON TRIP; RELATIONS WITH JAPAN AND
EASTERN EUROPE; CIEC; AND (C) SPECIFIC DOSSIERS ON
INTERNAL ISSUES (INCLUDING STEEL AND THE ECONOMIC
AND MONETARY SITUATION IN THE EC). HINTON
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